

REMARKS

I. Status of Claims

After the above amendments, claims 2, 5, 6, 9, 11, and 13 are pending. Claims 2, 5, 6, 9, 11, and 13 are independent.

II. Entry of Amendments

In the text of the office action mailed on July 14, 2005, the Examiner indicated that claims 2, 5, and 6 were allowed. The cover sheet, however, only indicates that claims 2 and 5 are allowed. Since claim 6 depends from claim 5, Applicants believe that claim 6 was inadvertently omitted from the cover sheet, and that it stands allowed. If Applicants are incorrect, a courtesy telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated.

With respect to claims 9, 11, and 13, these claims have been rewritten into independent form incorporating the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Since the Examiner indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten into independent form, entry of the amendments to these claims is proper.

The remaining claims in this application have been canceled.

Accordingly, the above amendment places this case in condition for allowance, and entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

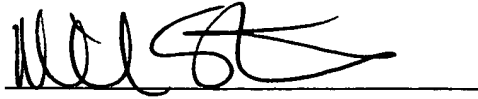
In view of the above, it is believed that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

No fees are believed to be due with this paper. If any fees are required, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 18-2220.

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Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael E. Stimson', written over a horizontal line.

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